

# Word, Excel, and PowerPoint Standards Support Readme

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Microsoft is implementing four new interoperability principles and corresponding actions across its high-volume business products: (1) ensuring open connections; (2) promoting data portability; (3) enhancing support for industry standards; and (4) fostering more open engagement with customers and the industry, including open source communities.

Read the full [Microsoft News article](#).

## Word, Excel, and PowerPoint Standards Support Introduction

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Microsoft makes available information about protocols, binary file formats, and other specifications for a number of its most popular products, including various versions of Windows and Windows Server, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Exchange Server, and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server. These technical specifications enable and encourage a vibrant development community, resulting in smarter, interoperable products.

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